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Dated 20-10-1951

[Despatch Abstract.]

Fire – Relief – Eligibility of persons drawing money Salaries Fixation of limit – Rules proposed – Accepted

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ABSTRACT

Fire-Relief-Eligibility of persons drawing monthly salaries-Fixation of limit-Board's proposal-Accepted.

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Revenue Department

G.O.No.2741 Dated 20th October, 1951

Read the following:

I

G.O.No.598, Revenue, dated 17th March,1948.

II

Reference from the Board of Revenue,No.S.1711/51-3 dated 4yh August, 1951.

(i)

G.O.Ms.No.598, Revenue, dated 17th March,1948.

(ii)

Letter from the Collector of Ramanathapuram, No. Roc.B.686/51, dated 1st Feburary, 1951.

(Fire relief-Ramanathapuram district-Sivaganga town-Relief Eligibility of peon)

In invite kind attention to the G.O.Ms.No.598, Revenue, dated 17th March 1948, communicated in Board's Resolution Mis.No.425/48, dated 30th March 1948, in which the grant of relief to persons affected by fire accidents is confined only to those who pay an assessment of Rs.10 or less. But this rule does not apply to the persons who are getting a fixed monthly salary and not paying any assessment. It seems necessary that a similar limit has to be fixed for the elibibility of relief in respect of those getting salary. In this connection I wish to suggest that a person getting a pay of Rs.50 a month may be deemed to be equivalent to one paying an assessment of Rs.10. I request instructions in the matter.

Reference:--No.S.1711/51-3, dated 4th August, 1951.

Submitted to the Government.

2. At present the grant of relief to persons affected by fire accidents is confined only to those who pay an assessment of Rs.10 or less. But the Collectors have the discretion to relax the limit in deserving cases for reasons to be recorded. The Collector of Ramanathapuram now suggests that a limit for eligibility may be fixed in respect of persons drawing monthly salaries for the relief of distress as in the case of persons paying land revenue assessment.

3. The Board has consulted the Collectors of selected districts. All of them agree that the victims of fire accidents who draw monthly salaries should also be given the relief contemplated in the Government Order cited above, but they have given different monetary limits for the monthly salary for the purpose as follows:--

Guntur	Rs. 100 per mensem
Visakhapatnam	" 40 "

p.t.o.

North Arcot	Rs. 50	per mensem.
Tirunelveli	" 50	"
Tanjore	" 20 to Rs.25	per mensem.

4. The points which may be taken ~~xim~~ into consideration for determining whether a victim deserves financial assistance or ~~nd~~ not are--

(i) whether the victim has other property and resources for subsistence;
(ii) whether loss can be considered heavy compared with the means of the victim; and
(iii) whether he would require immediate relief in cash or building material.

5. The Board has examined the question and considers that persons drawing monthly salaries of Rs.50 or below may be considered to be poor and deserving the relief contemplated in the Government Order cited above, and that they may be deemed to be on a par with those who pay a land revenue assessment of Rs.10 or less. The Board therefore recommends~~x~~ that the Government may be pleased to extend the relief contemplated in the Government Order cited above, to persons drawing monthly salaries of Rs.50 or below.

ORDER:

The Government accept the recommendation of the Board of Revenue and direct that the concessions contemplated in G.O.No.598, Revenue, dated 17th March 1948, in cases of fire accidents be also extended to persons in villages with monthly salaries of Rs.50 and loss.

(By order of etc., etc)

S.K. Chettur,
Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue)
" the Collectors of all districts.
" the Accountant-General, Madras (through the Finance Department)
" the Finance Department.

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